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SUBJECT No. 154.

Life Insurance of non-officials.

Messrs. (*a*) Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur taluk; (*b*) N. Bheema Rao, Chitaldrug Municipality; and (*c*) Krishnamurthi and Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) A local Government aided Insurance Company may be started or if that is not possible, the State Life Insurance may be thrown open to the public.

(*b*) At present, optional insurance is restricted to Government employees who are actually in service. Persons who were in service and who had insured their lives when in service but who have now become non-officials may also be granted the benefit of optional insurance.

(*c*) The Government officials are compelled to insure their lives. The patels and shanbhogs in the State may also be given the privileges of the State Life Insurance.

Messrs. V. Raghavachar and Hutchveeregowda supported *Mr. Singri Nanjappa*, the former adding that, if necessary, *premia* might be increased in order to avoid the possibility of competition with private companies.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao said that this question had come up for discussion several times during the last ten years and that as no private company had been established in the State during this period, non-officials might be admitted to State Life Insurance.

The Assembly was unanimous about such extension of the State Life Insurance.

Reply of Government.—As many people are in favour, the matter will be considered once more.

Note.—In his concluding address to the Assembly *the Dewan* announced that it was the pleasure of His Highness the Maharaja that the benefits of State Life Insurance might be thrown open to non-officials also.

SUBJECT No. 155.

Special funds for town improvement.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Large sums have been given for the improvement of the cities of Bangalore and Mysore; as taxes are paid by people all over the State, similar grants proportionate to the population of the areas concerned may be made for the improvement of District headquarters and other places. Good water-supply schemes are urgently needed in several places including Chikmagalur and the people of Chikmagalur would be satisfied if 2 lakhs of rupees were granted to their district for effecting improvements in water-supply, etc.

Reply of Government.—The case of Bangalore and Mysore which are the capital towns of the State and have a large population is different from that of moffussil places. Even moffussil places are not neglected. Only recently Davangere was given a grant for a water-supply project and in the current year's budget a sum of Rs. 75,000 has

been provided for water-supply and town-planning operations. Government will give aid whenever feasible.

SUBJECT No. 156.

Amendment of the Mysore Court Fees Regulation so as to provide for the refund of excess court fees paid by mistake or through ignorance.

Mr. K. Chandrasekhariah, Bar Association, Mysore.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 157.

Loans to Municipalities and Local Boards.

Mr. C. Narayanaswami Chetti, Chikballapur taluk.

Summary of discussion—Municipalities are now given loans with interest for executing works of improvement. They find it difficult to pay interest thereon in addition to satisfactorily arranging for the re-payment of loan. They may be given loans free of interest.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 158.

Reducing the minimum of investments from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 1,000 for charitable purposes.

Mr. C. R. Nanjundayya, Channapatna taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 159.

Increase of rate of interest on amounts deposited for charitable purposes.

Mr. Nadig Bishtaiya, Narasimharajapura sub-taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Non-official members on the Retrenchment Committee.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya, Heggaddevankote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Provision may be made to have as many non-official members on the Retrenchment Committee as there are official members.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 161.

Empowering Sub-Registrars to collect duty and penalty on documents.

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar, Mulbagal taluk.

Summary of discussion—Sub-Registrars may be empowered to collect duty and penalty on documents to facilitate speedy registration of documents as the present practice of sending documents to the Deputy Commissioner not only takes time but also causes great hardship to the people.

Reply of Government.—It is not clear that the present rule necessarily causes delay. The suggestion cannot be accepted.

SUBJECT No. 162.

Abolition of the supari cess.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk, and Ramanujaiyengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The owners of arecanut gardens are now paying supari cess in addition to local and irrigation cesses. The supari cess may be abolished as it is an inequitable tax on the poor raiyats, and particularly as maidan raiyats have to pay the cess when it is used solely for the purposes of the malnad.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 163.

Batta to Amildars.

Messrs. Narayansami Chetty, Chikballapur taluk and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars may be allowed to draw an allowance of Rs. 3 per day as the present allowance of rupee one is hardly sufficient, and as Munsiffs get an allowance of Rs. 3.